

A close-up photograph of a white ceramic bowl filled with a hearty soup. The soup contains chunks of pink smoked turkey, white Navy beans, and a variety of vegetables including orange carrots, green peas, and leafy greens. A sprig of fresh thyme is garnishing the top. A wooden-handled spoon is partially submerged in the soup. The bowl sits on a green and white striped tablecloth, and a piece of crusty bread is visible in the bottom left corner.

1ST PLACE WINNER Dry Beans and Peas

This hearty soup will surely tantalize taste buds with tender smoked turkey chunks, Navy beans, and a colorful array of veggies, all simmered in a deliciously seasoned broth.



Tuscan Smoked Turkey and Bean Soup

IRA B. JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Asheville, North Carolina

Our Story

Asheville, North Carolina, located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is known for its heritage, arts, and fine dining. Ira B. Jones Elementary School in Asheville shares a taste of another well-known region of fine dining—Tuscany—as its recipe team prepared Tuscan Smoked Turkey and Bean Soup. The recipe challenge team worked together to develop the recipe, and a number of students tasted and evaluated the recipe before it was submitted to the competition.

After Ira B. Jones Elementary School received semifinalist status, 350 servings of the Tuscan Smoked Turkey and Bean Soup were prepared for a special lunch menu celebration. Asheville Mayor Terry Bellamy attended the event to give her support and presented a proclamation declaring May 24, 2011, as “Healthy Kids Challenge Day,” encouraging students to focus on healthy choices through food and physical activity.

The team’s hard work paid off! The recipe features Navy beans, which are actually white in color, but got their popular name because they were a staple food of the U.S. Navy in the early 20th century. Tuscan Smoked Turkey and Bean Soup is sure to tease and please the senses and warm the toes! Delizioso!!

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Tuscan Smoked Turkey and Bean Soup

Meal Components: Meat/Meat Alternate-Legume Vegetable-Red/Orange Vegetable-Other Vegetable

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Ingredients	50 Servings		100 Servings		Directions Process #2: Same Day Service
	Weight	Measure	Weight	Measure	
*Fresh onions, diced ½"	1 lb	3 cups 2 Tbsp	2 lb	1 qt 2 cups	1. Place onions, celery, carrots, kale, tomato paste, and garlic in a large stockpot. Sweat vegetable mixture over medium-high heat. Stir frequently. Cook until vegetables are softened and onions are translucent.
*Fresh celery, diced	12 oz	2 ½ cups	1 lb 8 oz	1 qt 1 cup	
*Fresh carrots, diced	12 oz	2 ½ cups	1 lb 8 oz	1 qt 1 cup	
*Fresh kale, no stems, coarsely chopped	1 lb	3 qt ½ cup	2 lb	1 gal 2 ¼ qt	
Canned low-sodium tomato paste	9 oz	1 cup (⅓ No. 2 ½ can)	1 lb 2 oz	2 cups (⅔ No. 2 ½ can)	
Fresh garlic, minced		½ cup		1 cup	
Low-sodium chicken stock		2 gal		4 gal	2. Add stock, beans, salt, and pepper.
					3. Reduce temperature to low heat. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Stir occasionally.
Canned low-sodium Navy beans, drained, rinsed OR *Dry Navy beans, cooked (See Notes Section)	5 lb 12 oz OR 5 lb 12 oz	3 qt 3 ⅓ cups (1 ½ No. 10 cans) OR 3 qt 3 ⅓ cups	11 lb 8 oz OR 11 lb 8 oz	1 gal 3 ¾ qt (3 No. 10 cans) OR 1 gal 3 ¾ qt	
Salt		1 Tbsp 1 tsp		2 Tbsp 2 tsp	
Ground black pepper		1 tsp		2 tsp	
Smoked turkey breast, ¼" pieces	2 lb 12 oz	2 qt	5 lb 8 oz	1 gal	4. Add turkey, parsley, thyme, and basil. Stir well. Simmer a minimum of 10 minutes. Critical Control Point: Heat to 165 °F or higher for at least 15 seconds.
*Fresh parsley, chopped		¼ cup		½ cup	
Fresh thyme, finely chopped		¼ cup		½ cup	
Fresh basil, finely chopped		¼ cup		½ cup	
					5. Critical Control Point: Hold for hot service at 135 °F or higher.
					6. Portion with 8 fl oz ladle (1 cup).



Dry Beans and Peas

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Notes
*See Marketing Guide for purchasing information on foods that will change during preparation or when a variation of the ingredient is available
Special tip for preparing dry beans: SOAKING BEANS OVERNIGHT METHOD: Add 1 ¾ qt cold water to every 1 lb of dry beans. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Discard the water. Proceed with recipe. QUICK-SOAK METHOD: Boil 1 ¾ qt of water for each 1 lb of dry beans. Add beans and boil for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to soak for 1 hour. Discard the water. Proceed with recipe. COOKING BEANS Once the beans have been soaked, add 1 ¾ qt water for every lb of dry beans. Boil gently with lid tilted until tender, about 2 hours. Use hot beans immediately.
Critical Control Point: Hold for hot service at 135 °F or higher. OR Chill for later use. Critical Control Point: Cool to 70 °F within 2 hours and to 40 °F or lower within an additional 4 hours. 1 lb dry Navy beans = about 2 ¼ cups dry or 5 ⅞ cups cooked beans.

Marketing Guide		
Food as Purchased for	50 servings	100 servings
Mature onions	1 lb 4 oz	2 lb 8 oz
Celery	14 ½ oz	1 lb 13 oz
Carrots	14 ½ oz	1 lb 13 oz
Kale	1 lb 8 oz	3 lb
Dry Navy beans	2 lb 10 oz	5lb 4 oz
Parsley	1 oz	2 oz

Nutrients Per Serving					
Calories	134.55	Saturated Fat	0.67 g	Iron	2.28 mg
Protein	14.51 g	Cholesterol	20.68 mg	Calcium	61.62 mg
Carbohydrate	13.62 g	Vitamin A	3058.35 IU	Sodium	524.69 mg
Total Fat	2.83 g		(152.89 RAE)	Dietary Fiber	3.66 g
		Vitamin C	7.00 mg		

Serving	Yield	Volume
1 cup (8 fl oz ladle) provides:	50 Servings: about 25 lb 8 oz	50 Servings: about 3 gallons
Legume as Meat Alternate: 1 ½ oz equivalent meat/meat alternate, ⅓ cup red/orange vegetable, and ⅓ cup other vegetable.	100 Servings: about 50 lb	100 Servings: about 6 gallons
OR		
Legume as Vegetable: ½ oz equivalent meat, ¼ cup legume vegetable, ⅓ cup red/orange vegetable, and ⅓ cup other vegetable.		
<i>Legume vegetable can be counted as either a meat alternate or as a legume vegetable but not as both simultaneously.</i>		